

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
145th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
September 8-12, 2000
Sheraton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet September 8-12, 2000 at the Sheraton Hotel- Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Halibut Subsistence Committee
Joint Council/Board of Fisheries Committee
Crab Industry Co-op Committee

Beginning

8:00 am, Wed., September 6, 2000
8:00 am, Wed., September 6, 2000
9:00 am, Thurs., September 7, 2000
1:00 pm, Thurs., September 7, 2000
6:30 pm, Thurs., September 7, 2000

All meetings will be held at the hotel and are open to the public except Council executive sessions. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week, and will be posted at the hotel.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

Submission of Written Comments. Any written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting materials must be received at the Council office **by 5:00 p.m. (Alaska Time) on Thursday, August 31, 2000.** Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail or fax--please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **Material received after the deadline will not be included in notebooks for this meeting. It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided **during** the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of 18 copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (23), Scientific and Statistical Committee (13), staff (10) or the public (50) after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ADVISORY PANEL

The Advisory Panel has revised its operating guidelines to incorporate a strict time management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP **must** sign up on the list for each topic listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided in a special notebook located at the back of the room. The deadline for registering to testify is when the agenda topic comes before the AP. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

| | | | |
|------------------|---|---------------|--|
| ABC | Acceptable Biological Catch | MSFCMA | Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act |
| AP | Advisory Panel | MMPA | Marine Mammal Protection Act |
| ADF&G | Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game | MRB | Maximum Retainable Bycatch |
| BSAI | Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands | MSY | Maximum Sustainable Yield |
| CDQ | Community Development Quota | mt | Metric tons |
| CRP | Comprehensive Rationalization Program | NMFS | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| CVOA | Catcher Vessel Operational Area | NOAA | National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm. |
| EA/RIR | Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review | NPFMC | North Pacific Fishery Management Council |
| EEZ | Exclusive Economic Zone | OY | Optimum Yield |
| EFH | Essential Fish Habitat | POP | Pacific ocean perch |
| FMP | Fishery Management Plan | PSC | Prohibited Species Catch |
| GHL | Guideline Harvest Level | SAFE | Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document |
| GOA | Gulf of Alaska | SSC | Scientific and Statistical Committee |
| HAPC | Habitat Areas of Particular Concern | TAC | Total Allowable Catch |
| IBQ | Individual Bycatch Quota | VBA | Vessel Bycatch Accounting |
| IFQ | Individual Fishing Quota | VIP | Vessel Incentive Program |
| IPHC | International Pacific Halibut Commission | | |
| IRFA | Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis | | |
| IRIU | Improved Retention/Improved Utilization | | |
| ITAC | Initial Total Allowable Catch | | |
| LAMP | Local Area Management Plan | | |
| LLP | License Limitation Program | | |

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| | <u>Estimated Hours</u> |
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| A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER | |
| (a) Oath of Office | • |
| (b) Approval of Agenda | • |
| (c) Election of Officers | • |
| (d) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings | • |
| B. REPORTS | |
| B-1 Executive Director's Report | • |
| C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS | |
| C-1 <u>Observer Program</u> | (3 hours) |
| (a) MRAG Report. | |
| (b) Observer Committee Report/Council discussion. | |
| C-2 <u>Pacific cod / Steller Sea Lion Interactions</u> | (16 hours) |
| Initial review of analysis. | |
| C-3 <u>Crab Processing Sideboards</u> | (6 hours) |
| Review discussion paper and take final action. | |
| C-4 <u>Cook Inlet Bottom Trawl Ban</u> | (2 hours) |
| Final action. | |
| C-5 <u>Reports</u> | (3 hours) |
| (a) MSA Reauthorization issues. | |
| (b) Socio-economic Data Committee. | |
| (c) HAPC stakeholder process. | |
| (d) Status of Western Alaska salmon fisheries. | |
| D. PUBLIC COMMENTS | |
| E. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT | |
| Total Agenda Hours 30 | |

| | SSC | AP | Council |
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| Wednesday, Sept 6 | 8:00am C-2 P. Cod/SSL Interactions 1:00pm C-2 continued | 8:00am C-3 AFA Crab processing sideboards 1:00pm C-3 continued C-1 MRAG Report and Observer Comm Rpt. C-4 Cook Inlet Bottom Trawl Ban | |
| Thursday, Sept 7 9:00 am Halibut Subsistence Committee 1:00 pm Joint Council/BOF Committee 6:30 pm Crab Industry Co-op meeting | 8:00am C-1 MRAG Report and Observer Comm Rpt. C-5(b) Socio-economic data Committee Rpt. 1:00pm C-5(c) HAPC Stakeholder Process Report | 8:00am C-2 Pacific Cod/SSL Interactions 1:00pm C-2 continued | |
| Friday, Sept 8 | 8:00 am continue if necessary | 8:00am C-2 continued 1:00pm C-5 Reports | 8:00 am C-1(a) MRAG Report C-3 AFA Crab Processing Sideboards 12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-3 continued C-2 Pacific cod/SSL Interactions |
| Saturday, Sept 9 | | 8:00am continue if necessary | 8:00am C-2 continued 12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-2 continued |
| Sunday, Sept 10 | | | 8:00am C-2 continued 12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-2 continued C-1(b) Obs. Comm Rpt./ Council Discussion |
| Monday, Sept 11 | | | 8:00am C-1(b) continued C-4 Cook Inlet Bottom Trawl Ban 12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-5 Reports |
| Tuesday, Sept 12 | | | 8:00am continue if necessary |

NOTE: The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council Executive Sessions.